



Be Prepared

Disaster Prevention Starts With a Simple Plan

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Many of us readily assume that a disaster will not happen in Rome, NY. However, what if one did? Would you be prepared?

This website was created to keep Rome's citizens prepared and knowledgeable of the threats that we face as a community. This website will therefore instruct citizens on how to create disaster kits and family communication plans so that they are properly prepared in times of emergencies. This website will also list other public safety-related issues the community should be aware of.

The website will be updated as needed with the police and fire departments contributing their information and updates on a bi-monthly basis.



Vigilance is imperative, keep on top of weather updates and alerts



WHAT ARE ROME'S HAZARDS?

According to Rome's Disaster Preparedness Plan, the most significant hazard type is a severe winter storm. The second most hazardous occurrence is a wildfire. The other types of hazards may not be as prevalent but could still happen...What are those?

Earthquake, Flash flooding, Flooding From a River or Tide, Tornado, Hazmat/oil spill, Major Structural Fire and finally, Water System Failure.

All of these hazards can occur without warning and therefore we as a community must be prepared to mitigate those effects to both ourselves and our loved ones.

How do YOU prepare for such an emergency?

The disaster kit and family communication plan

Please navigate to the following pages where you can find detailed information regarding these preparations

Please visit the below websites to learn about the community initiatives created by the Public Safety and Police Departments of Rome for community awareness and involvement:

V. I. P. S: Volunteers in Police Service
romepd.com/listing.asp?orgId=33

CIVILIAN POLICE ACADEMY: Take classes free of charge for 10 weeks and learn what is to be a police officer.
romped.com/listing.asp?orgId=33

R. U. O. K: A free of charge service to the elderly or people in need. A daily, automated call is placed at a designated time of your choosing to make sure "you are ok." If numerous calls go unanswered, the software will notify the police desk who will then dispatch an officer to the residence. Can also be shut off with a simple phone call if no longer necessary or going on vacation.

ROME'S SAFETY UPDATES

ROME POLICE DEPARTMENT:

SCAMS:

Elderly beware...there have been numerous scams transpiring these past months that have encompassed sweepstakes winners and requests for donations.

-DO NOT agree to wire money without first establishing the legitimacy of the request.

-BE CAUTIOUS if there is a great sense of urgency communicated in the request

-BE CAUTIOUS if they are asking for donations...Rome Police Benevolent Society is NO longer accepting donations.

****Any questions or concerns should be directed to Detective Commander Tim Bates...(315)-339-7715**

IDENTITY THEFT:

Please be cautious in discarding bills or other papers that contain your personal information. For example, bills can be taken out of your garbage and used to steal identities.

Prevention tip- shred all important documents.

ROME FIRE DEPARTMENT:

AMANDA'S LAW:

Took effect on February 22, 2010. Mandates that carbon monoxide detectors be installed in all new and existing buildings. The Rome Fire Department maintains that carbon monoxide detectors are just as essential as smoke detectors.

NYS OPEN BURN LAW:

Open burning in Rome in NOT allowed. This includes leaves, brush, limbs, etc. The Rome Fire Department deems this especially hazardous due to the exceptionally dry weather and spring we are experiencing.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 27th: Child Safety Clinic

Parents can stop by free of charge to the Rome Central Fire Station on Black River Blvd to have their child safety seats inspected and fixed by certified police officers. Police officers will replace damaged or recalled seats with brand new seats free of charge. Beginning at 10am and lasting until 2pm.

***Renters Beware:** If you are currently renting an apartment do not assume that the apartment community or landlord's insurance coverage will cover your belongings. You must inventory your belongings, take pictures, save receipts and contact your insurance agent for further details. Insurance coverage is as little as \$15/month.

***Warnings vs. Watches:** The difference between the two is the immediacy of weather conditions. A weather watch is used to alert people of hazardous weather in advance for a region, while a warning is to alert people to take immediate safety precautions because the severe weather has been spotted on the radar and will reach your location shortly.

ROME FIRE AND POLICE MEMORIAL PARK

Plaques are now available as an honorary tribute to past members of the Rome Police and Fire Departments.

Criteria for the person you may want to honor:

- Must have been a member of the Rome Police or Fire Department
- Must have retired or passed away while serving the department
- The past member can be deceased or living

ABOUT THE PLAQUES:

The plaques will be a cast bronze plaque, similar to the current plaques that appear in the park.

They will be ordered and installed by members of the Park committee.

The plaque will be 3 inches tall by 8 inches wide. The lettering will be gold in color.

The background will be red for firefighters and blue for police officers.

The text can be a short tribute to the past member, and must include their name and service time.

No other names can be on the plaque. Non specific references can be used— wife, children, etc.

The text of all plaques are subject to approval of the Park committee.

One plaque allowed per past member and will be ordered on a first come, first serve basis.

Cost per plaque is \$150.00 which includes shipping and mounting. Make checks payable to Rome Fire and Police Memorial Park, enclose the information below and mail to:

Rome Fire Department
Attn: Park Committee
158 Black River Boulevard
Rome, NY 13440

Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery and please try to brief with your text

Purchaser: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please note: We will forward a "proof" of your plaque for your approval prior to ordering.

Please Specify: Firefighter/ Police Officer

TEXT:

Name:

Years of Service:

Tribute:

(If you do not know the years, we will research it for you. Maximum of 3 lines, 45 characters per line.)

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Be Proactive...Prepare your kit

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There are three kits a family needs in order to be prepared in every situation:

- *Home Kit*
- *Car Kit*
- *Portable Kit*

***Most importantly, make sure supplies last at least three days.



Severe weather can strike at a moment's notice...are you ready?

WHY HAVE A DISASTER KIT?



The reasoning is simple, you need to be *prepared*. In the event of a severe thunderstorm or winter weather storm the city of Rome's power supply could be disrupted, and in some situations, could remain disconnected for well over a week. In such a situation a disaster kit would prove essential. Families must also be prepared for a tornado, or even severe flooding, both of which would again require the supplies found in your disaster kit.

Those are just a few scenarios that could transpire in the event of severe weather...Yet, what if there was a terrorist attack? There is EADS, a critical infrastructure target, housed right in the city of Rome, along with six nuclear power plants, four of which are less than 100 miles away. In the event of a nuclear, biological or chemical attack, the supplies contained within your disaster kit will prepare and sustain you in each and every one of those situations.

Although Rome does not suffer from numerous tornados or hurricanes, the need to be prepared in every situation takes very little time and money yet the benefits of being prepared are immeasurable.

HOME KIT

- Cash, personal identification cards, insurance policies– all in a waterproof container
- Blankets and/or sleeping bags for each family member
- Water: At least 1 gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food: At least three-day supply of non-perishables
- Battery-powered radio and flashlight; make sure to have extra batteries for each
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle, utility knife, scissors
- Extra set of car and house keys
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt for each member to filter the air
- Moist towelettes for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Fire extinguisher
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Medications or medical equipment, including aspirin
- Personal hygiene items, toilet paper, soap, baby care items
- Entertainment– playing cards, board games
- Pet food and water
- Pet crate/carrier (Please note that shelters do not allow animals, in some instances a small pet in a carrier will be allowed.)
- Complete change of clothing
- Household bleach and medicine dropper (16 drops per 1 gallon water)



CAR KIT

- At least one gallon of water
- Water purification tablets
- Non-perishable food
- Paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Battery operated flashlight and radio
- Compass and Atlas
- Emergency whistle
- Flares
- Booster cables
- Duct tape
- Pliers, screwdrivers and utility knife
- Car jack
- Spare tire
- Windshield wiper fluid and ice scraper
- First Aid Kit
- Extra cash, extra set of car and house keys
- Identification cards
- Copies of important documents
- Change of clothing and extra blankets
- One quart of motor oil
- Rags and paper towels
- Small fire extinguisher
- Essential medicines– store in cool, dry place



PORTABLE KIT

This kit will be your “backpack” kit...

- Small, non-perishable food items, (granola bars)
- 6 bottles of water
- Battery-operated flashlight with extra batteries
- Thermal blankets
- Light sticks
- Whistle
- Compass
- Utility knife
- Dust mask
- Moist towelettes
- First Aid Kit
- Track phone
- Waterproof matches
- Water purification tablets
- Flare
- Identification cards, important documents
- Cash, change and extra set of house and car keys





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Is Your Family Ready? The Family Communication Plan

Protect Your Loved Ones By Having a Plan in Place for Emergencies:



In the case of a flood, does your family have a plan?

You may not be with your family members when a disaster strikes...Therefore a comprehensive plan encompassing all possible scenarios must be formulated beforehand...



FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

- Identify an out-of-town contact to be able to communicate among separated family members.
- Every family member must know all the phone numbers and have a cell phone, coins or a prepaid card to call the emergency contact.
- Make sure everyone in the family knows how to text message (SMS). Many times text messages can get around network disruptions when a phone call cannot.
- Decide on a meeting place in case returning home is not an option.
- Decide on a place to meet in case an evacuation is ordered or has already begun.
- Make sure you have everyone's work number, school number, friends' numbers so that in case of an emergency you can contact each number to find your family member.
- Finally, make a card with all the information regarding meeting places and numbers so that everyone will know where to go and what to dial in case of an emergency.

*To make your family cards please click on the link below...

<http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/index.html>

-OR-

www.redcross.org/prepare/ECCard.pdf



BE RED CROSS READY CHECKLIST:

- ☐ I know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in my community.
- ☐ I have a family disaster plan and have practiced it.
- ☐ I have a disaster kit.
- ☐ At least one member of my family is trained in first aid and CPR.
- ☐ I have taken action to help my community prepare.

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*For more information on disaster preparedness please visit redcross.org